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Bulgaria Expresses Its Gratitude for Work Done in That Country by American Teachers.

Bulgarian mails bring news that the Bulgarian ministry of education has officially certified by decree that the work of the American mission schools at Samokov is equivalent to that of its own national gymnasias. The full text of the certificate, the correct translation of which is officially certified, is as follows:

"The ministry of national education of the kingdom of Bulgaria hereby certifies that the American gymnasias—boys' and girls'—in Samokov, Bulgaria, founded more than fifty years ago, and continuing to the present time to carry on their educational and moral activities, have been, during all their existence centers of spiritual culture and progress. The Bulgarian nation has always looked with special respect and honor upon these schools, which even from the dark period of slavery (to the Turks) until today, with special perseverance and zeal, have fulfilled their mission—the education and the moral and spiritual training of the youth. From the last inspection of these schools which it made, the ministry ascertained that they have done very much for their development and perfection, especially on the moral and spiritual side, on account of which the ministry recognized the girls' gymnasium as equivalent to our national gymnasium for girls. In order to fully attain, however, to the standard, both of our gymnasias and of these in Europe as well, it is indispensable that they significantly broaden their activities, by securing a teachers' body, corresponding to those of our national schools and by also procuring modern equipment, laboratory apparatus, libraries, etc. In this way they will enhance the educational side of their work (as well as the moral and religious side), and they will increase still more the gratitude of the Bulgarian nation."

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Names Interchanged.

Mary is not by any means the only name that has been borne by men and women alike, writes a correspondent who has dipped into old English parish and other registers. Sir Patience Ward was lord mayor of London in 1680, Eve Slifferton is mentioned in a will of the sixteenth century, and Grace Hardwin was an old land owner in America. As to male names usurped by the ladies, instances occur of feminine Philips and Georges, and in one case a daughter was duly baptized Noah. A goddaughter of the duke of Wellington was named Arthur in his honor, and in Effingham church there is a monument to Timothy, wife of Richard Mabanke.

Indorsing It.

The lady who darns socks went into the bank yesterday to cash a check. "You will have to indorse it on the back," said the teller. "I will gladly," said she, and she wrote across the back of the check: "I take pleasure in indorsing this. It is a very nice check."

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Farmer's Attitude a Fair Sample of the Spirit That Has Made the Country Great.

Wearing an oilskin "slicker" and a "sou'west" hat, a farmer of Miami county, Kansas, stood out in the pouring rain on the edge of a lake of muddy water from the creek that had overflowed and ruined his 50-acre field of corn. A neighbor, passing in a buggy, stopped and shouted: "Hello! Brooding over your troubles?"

"Broodin' nothin'. I'm watchin' them ducks. Ain't they havin' a fine time?" the farmer answered.

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All's well in the West!—Kansas City Times.

THREE KINDS OF PUBLIC MEN

David Lloyd-George Classifies Leaders of Opinion in Military Terms—Quick-Firer Leads.

There are three kinds of men in public life. I will tell you what they are, and in military terms. The first is the heavy gun. It fires slowly, ponderously, with much effort, but if the shells contain a good quantity of high explosives, the havoc wrought amongst the enemy is terrible. But if they don't—and very often they don't—they drop heavily into the clay, get thoroughly embedded there, out of sight, and are absolutely forgotten until in a future generation some excavator picks them up as a curiosity to point out the sort of weapon that was used in past dark ages. That is the heavy gun.

There is another—the idealist, the howitzer with a high trajectory, pointing to the heavens, but firing a missile which comes down with crushing effect on the intrenchments of the enemy on the earth.

There is a third—the quick-firing gun, aiming straight at the ranks of the enemy, firing unceasingly destructive shot and shell, breaking through the ranks and dispersing them.—David Lloyd-George.

ANOTHER "EXPERT" NABBED.

More light is thrown on a complicated situation by the arrest in New York of Gustav Stahle, charged with perjury. Herr Stahle, it will be recalled, swore that the Lusitania was armed. If convicted, 99 years in a safe institution would be about right. Stahle is not a safe person to be at large in this country, and if guilty he should be put where the wagging of his tongue cannot possibly do any harm.

SPEAKING HIS MIND.

"I have a little bill for you," said the collector at the door. "How much is it?" asked Mr. Twobbble.

"Only \$27.80." "My friend, how can you stand before me and call that a 'little' bill? If your purpose is to flatter me, you are wasting your time. Here is a dollar on account. If you wish to say that leaves a little balance of \$26.80, you may do so."

THE FITTING ONE.

"I heard Maude ask Frank outright if he had brought any con-serves."

"I hope she got a candied reply."

AT THE SALE.

"The women made a regular sortie on the bargains heaped up." "Yes; what you might call a counter-attack."

ACCOUNTING FOR IT.

"There certainly is great opposition to vaccination."

"Naturally, lots of people get sore about it."

THE EXCEPTIONS.

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